

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/815,534
		Filing Date	March 31, 2004
		First Named Inventor	KIEFHABER et al.
		Art Unit	2609
		Examiner Name	Khai N. NGUYEN
		Attorney Docket Number	4366-140
Sheet	1	of	12

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
-----------------------	--------------------	--

⁴EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ⁵Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ⁶See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ⁷Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁸For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁹Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ¹⁰Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This estimation is to estimate to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449/PTO</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<p>Complete if Known</p>	
<p>Sheet 2</p>		<p>of</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Application Number</p>	<p>10/815,534</p>
<p></p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>Filing Date</p>	<p>March 31, 2004</p>
<p></p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>First Named Inventor</p>	<p>KIEFHABER et al.</p>
<p></p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>Art Unit</p>	<p>2609</p>
<p></p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>Examiner Name</p>	<p>Khai N. NGUYEN</p>
<p></p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>Attorney Docket Number</p>	<p>4366-140</p>

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 A applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (or be the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the burden estimate or requests for further information on this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Gazamin@uspto.gov, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.